

CITY OF VANCOUVERSPECIAL COUNCIL

November 15, 1971

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Monday, November 15, 1971, in No. 1 Committee Room, City Hall, at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman Bird, Deputy Mayor (In the Chair)
His Worship the Mayor
Alderman Adams, Broome, Hardwick, Phillips,
Sweeney and Wilson

ABSENT: Alderman Calder (Ill)
Alderman Linnell (Ill)

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: M. James

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Broome,
SECONDED by Ald. Adams,

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole,
Alderman Bird the Deputy Mayor in the Chair.

- CARRIED

Adoption of Report - Transportation
Committee of November 4, 1971

MOVED by Ald. Wilson,

THAT the Minutes and report of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation of November 4, 1971, be received.

- CARRIED

Greater Vancouver Regional District - Regional
Transportation as a Greater Vancouver Regional
District Function

At the meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation of November 4, 1971, the Board of Administration was instructed to bring in a report on the matters discussed by that Committee on that date. As the Greater Vancouver Regional District requested comment by the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board meeting to be held on November 17, 1971, Council at its meeting November 9, 1971, instructed this Special Council meeting to be held and consider the report of the Board of Administration previously directed to the Standing Committee on Transportation.

Under date of November 12, 1971, the Board of Administration submitted a report entitled 'Greater Vancouver Regional District - Regional Transportation as a Greater Vancouver Regional District Function' for the consideration of Council.

The report in part submitted the following:

' In January of this year the Greater Vancouver Regional District accepted Mr. A. C. Kelly's report on the first phase of the Transportation Function Study. It agreed that the Greater Vancouver Regional District is the logical agency to undertake this responsibility and authorized Mr. Kelly to carry out Phase II of the study, with the following objectives:

"Investigate transportation needs as seen by the municipalities, operating agencies, and public bodies. Explore the financial question with senior governments. Develop a concept for the transportation function and the constitution of the agency that is to exercise it. The Board then decides whether to approve the concept and authorize further negotiations and the preparation of a detailed proposal."

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Vancouver Regional District Function (cont'd)

Upon reviewing this current report, your Board considers that to develop a concept for the transportation function the Policy Statement should be more definitive in its approach and in the next steps to be taken. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Policy Statement in the report be amended as follows:

1. Delete the fourth paragraph on Page 1.
2. Add the following as 6) on Page 2. "A rational system of regional roads should be planned and developed as part of the total transportation system. (The classification of roads yet to be established.)"
3. For purposes of clarity throughout the Policy Statement, amend "public transportation" to read "public transit" except where noted otherwise in this report.
4. Amend the first paragraph on Page 2 under "Powers to be Requested" to read as follows:

The Board, subject to the conditions set out below, will request powers to acquire, build, develop and operate transportation services consisting of buses, trams, trains, rapid transit or other conveyances, and a system of regional roads, and to do so directly or by contract arrangements with other organizations and agencies.
5. On Page 2, Item 2 under "Powers to be Requested" add the word "total" immediately before the words financing formula.
6. On Page 2, Item 3 under "Powers to be Requested" delete the word "public" in the second line.
7. On Page 2 under "Powers to be Requested" delete Item 4 and hold in abeyance until Item 2 has been completed.
8. On Page 2, last paragraph, first line, delete the word "public".
9. On Page 4 in the third paragraph delete the last sentence.
10. On Pages 4 and 5 delete the total section dealing with "Transportation Authority" and hold in abeyance until a total financial formula has been agreed to.
11. On Page 7 amend Step 1) under "Next Steps" to read as follows:

Step 1)- Member Councils are asked whether they are prepared to participate in the function, subject to terms and conditions to be developed.
12. On Page 8 amend Step 2) to read as follows:

Step 2)- The Board then decides whether the participation is sufficient to warrant continuing the program. If so, open discussion with the Provincial Government and attempt to obtain a written commitment from the Provincial Government on a total financial formula.

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13. On Page 8 delete Step 3).

14. On Page 8 amend Step 5) to read as follows:

Step 5)- Prepare a preliminary draft of letters patent and any legislation that would be required to implement the function in conformity with the Policy Statement.

15. On Page 9, second sentence, delete reference to deadline for completing Phase III.

This report does not pretend to be an exhaustive analysis of the material presented, but seeks to deal with the more significant aspects. With the Policy Statement amended as set out above the basic matter of the transportation function can proceed on a more comprehensive basis.

With respect to the Plan for the Expanded Bus System, your officials will be reporting further when the necessary information is obtained from the Regional District.'

The Council agreed to consider the fifteen (15) suggestions in the Board of Administration report seriatim.

MOVED by Ald. Adams,

THAT the fourth paragraph on page 1 of the Transportation Function Policy Statement be deleted.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the following be inserted as Item #6 on page 2 of the Policy Statement:

"A rational system of regional roads should be planned as part of the total transportation system. (The classification of roads yet to be established.)"

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Sweeney,

THAT for purposes of clarity throughout the Policy Statement, amend "public transporation" to read "public transit" except as noted otherwise by this Council's action.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Adams,

THAT the first paragraph on page 2 of the Policy Statement under the heading "Powers to be Requested" be deleted and the following inserted:

"The Board, subject to the conditions set out below, will request powers to acquire, build, develop and operate transportation services consisting of buses, trams, trains, rapid transit or other conveyances, and a system of regional roads, and to do so directly or by contract arrangements with other organizations and agencies.

- CARRIED

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MOVED by Ald. Adams,
THAT Item 2 on page 2 under the heading "Powers to be Requested"
be amended by inserting the word "total" between the words "a financing"
in the first line.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Phillips,
THAT the word "public" in the second line of the third item on
page 2 under the heading "Powers to be Requested" be deleted.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Broome,
THAT Item 4 on page 2 under the heading "Powers to be Requested"
be deleted and held in abeyance until Item 2, as amended above, has
been completed.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Rankin,
THAT the word "public" in the first line of the last paragraph
on page 2 of the Policy Statement section be deleted.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Phillips,
THAT the words "such as those" be inserted after the word
"activities" at the end of the last line on page 2 of the Policy
Statement.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Adams,
THAT all of the words following the word "facilities" in the
sixth indented paragraph on page 3 of the Policy Statement be deleted
and that the following be inserted "to service the public transit
system."
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Phillips,
THAT the last sentence in the third paragraph on page 4 be deleted.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Broome,
THAT all of the section on pages 4 and 5 under the heading
"Transportation Authority" be deleted except the last paragraph
and
THAT the last paragraph be amended by inserting the word
"transportation" after the word "the" at the end of the first line.
- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,
THAT the following be inserted as a paragraph between the two
paragraphs under the heading "Other Transportation Improvements" on
page 6:
"The Board agree to proceed concurrently with a light rapid
transit system study."
- CARRIED

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Vancouver Regional District Function (cont'd)

MOVED by Ald. Wilson,
THAT the motion be amended by the addition of "this is referring
to the core area."

- LOST

AMENDED
SEE PAGE 308

(The amendment by Alderman Wilson was put and lost)

(It is recorded Alderman Wilson voted in favour)

(The motion of Alderman Hardwick as stated above was put and carried)

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,
THAT the paragraph on page 7 beginning with the words "the Board
is not" be amended by deleting "believes" in the second line and
inserting the words "will give" in lieu therefore and deleting the
words "should be given" in the second line and adding the following
after the words "in the first instance" in the fourth line "and as
soon as the total financial formula has been agreed upon."

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Adams,
THAT Step 1 under the heading "Next Steps" on page 7 be deleted
and the following substituted:

"Member Councils are asked whether they are prepared to
participate in the function, subject to terms and conditions
to be developed."

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Adams,
THAT Step 2 under the heading "Next Steps" on page 8 be deleted
and the following substituted:

"The Board then decides whether the participation is
sufficient to warrant continuing the program. If so,
open discussion with the Provincial Government and attempt
to obtain a written commitment from the Provincial
Government on a total financial formula."

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Sweeney,
THAT Step 3 on page 8 under the heading "Next Steps" be deleted.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Rankin,
THAT Step 5 on page 8 under the heading "Next Steps" be deleted
and the following substituted:

"Prepare a preliminary draft of letters patent and any
legislation that would be required to implement the
function in conformity with the amended Policy Statement."

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Phillips,
THAT the following be inserted after section 3) of Step 6) on
page 9 "Every attempt should be made to complete Phase III by the
end of March, 1972" and the paragraph presently in this place be deleted.

- CARRIED

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Vancouver Regional District Function (cont'd)

During the above, His Worship the Mayor left the meeting to attend to other Civic Business.

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,
THAT this Council designate Alderman Broome as the City of Vancouver's representative on the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board to submit these amendments to that Board at its meeting on November 17, 1971.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Adams,
THAT during negotiations for the total financial formula, the B.C. Hydro Transit System Employees' Pension Fund be taken into consideration.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Adams,
THAT the Committee rise and report.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Broome,
SECONDED by Ald. Hardwick,
THAT the report of the Committee be adopted.

- CARRIED

The Council adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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The foregoing are Minutes of a Special Council meeting held on November 15, 1971, which were adopted by Council on November 16, 1971, as amended.

H. S. Burd
DEPUTY MAYOR

R. K. [Signature]
CITY CLERK

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCILON TRANSPORTATIONNOVEMBER 4, 1971

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation was held at 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 1971, in the Council Chamber.

PRESENT: Alderman Wilson
His Worship the Mayor
Aldermen Rankin, Sweeney, Bird, Phillips,
Calder, Hardwick, Linnell and Adams

ABSENT: Alderman Broome (Civic Business)

PART II

The following action of the Committee is submitted to Council for INFORMATION:

1. Greater Vancouver Regional District - Regional Transportation as a Greater Vancouver Regional District function.

On October 21, 1971, Mr. A. C. Kelly, Chairman of the Transportation Function Study Committee of the Greater Vancouver Regional District submitted to the Regional District Board members his report entitled "Regional Transportation as a G.V.R.D. Function".

This report was referred to the members of the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board for discussion with the several Councils of the Regional District.

The report was brought before the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation for discussion.

The Chairman noted the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board had advanced consideration of this report to the November 17th meeting of the Board and the Chairman suggested that the City of Vancouver should have something ready to submit to the Regional District Board at that meeting.

The Chairman called upon the Board of Administration for an oral report on the matter and the Board of Administration spoke to the general report.

The Chairman then requested comments from the Assistant City Engineer - Traffic and Transportation and the Assistant Director of Planning and Civic Development - Advanced Planning and Research.

During the submission of the oral reports of the Board of Administration and the Engineering and the Planning and Civic Development departments various members of the committee spoke to the item under discussion at that time and requested information on various aspects of the report and the comments of the various officials.

At the end of the general discussion period, your Committee

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Administration bring in a report for consideration by this Committee on the general matters discussed this day.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:36 p.m.
